

Mercy Primary Newsletter June 2024



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Dear parents and guardians,
We hope this message finds you well. Our final newsletter for this academic year! Where has the time gone? June was our quickest month yet! From school tours to Active week with the most fantastic fun runs. Our annual ice-cream van visit courtesy of our Parents Association brought squeals of delight last Friday. This week we celebrated our Sports, Arts and attendance awards ceremony. We finished with the graduation of our sixth class girls and senior infant boys. As our Mercy value for the month of June was gratitude we want to express our gratitude and appreciation. We have had such a fantastic year. From the happy faces entering school each day we know the children have enjoyed it too. We wish to thank our staff, parents, Board of Management, Parents Association for all they do to make the school experience so enriching and positive for all. We wish everyone a lovely break and look forward to seeing you all safe and well on Wednesday, August 28th. Slán agus beannacht

Cathal Ruane

**School re-opens Wednesday August 28th
at 9:00am.**

**Parents Association Autumn
Clothes Collection September 2024**

Kindly keep unwanted clothes so you can generously support.

Epayments: Next week will be the last opportunity to purchase your child's stationery through the school for the new school year. Many thanks to those who have contributed to date. **The school office will close for the summer next Friday.**

Kindly contact the school if you are not returning in August.

After Schools Activities (ASA) will resume in the third week of September, week starting September 16th. Details will be shared in advance for those parents whose children want to take part.

Awards ceremony

We recognized all girls that were involved in the various extracurricular activities. These included debating, choir, basketball, football, tennis, athletics, soccer and camogie. Congratulations to all the girls – we're immensely proud of them. Hard work pays off!



2024 Yearbook

Can you believe we're onto the fourth edition of our Yearbook? Each year it keeps getting better and better. It encapsulates many of the wonderful events that occur in our school during the year and is a lovely memento. This year we sold over 320 copies. A big thank you to our teachers that work so hard putting it together.



100% Attendance
This week we marked those children that never missed a school day all year. Congratulations to all of them.



Our school attendance from August '23 - June '24 was **93.7%**. Attendance improved from 92.1% August '22 – June '23 to **93.7%** from August 23 to June 2024. For the month of June the attendance was **92.1%**.



School Building Update

On Monday, July 1st the school contractor appointed, Carroll O'Keefe will be onsite to start the final phase in the journey of completing our new school building. Watch this space for updates!

To mark the end of Active week our Parents Association kindly organized the ice-cream for the while school. Lots of happy faces all around.



Our **Parents Association** are always looking for new members, volunteers and ideas.

If you would like to get involved please contact Parents' Association at mercyconventnaaspa@gmail.com and come along to our monthly meetings.

Our PA Summer Clothes collection raised €649.80 and €64.98 was donated to Laura Lynn. The PA have lots of exciting ventures planned for the children next year so stay tuned.

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Our Parents Association together with other schools in the town of Naas will be announcing the "Go Phone Free" initiative. There is a meeting organized for **18th September 2024 in the CBS.**



FREE from smartphones,
FREE from social media,
FREE to be kids.

We have very exciting news to share. In a few days' time, all Primary Schools in Naas will be announcing our upcoming "Go Phone Free" initiative, inviting parents and guardians to agree together with their children to the following code:



No smartphones while in primary school.



No social media while in primary school.



Respect the age rating on video games.

More information on this initiative, and the accompanying parents' information evening provisionally scheduled for **18 September 2024 at 8 pm**, will be sent via Aladdin shortly.

Our Mercy Value for the month of **June** was all about encouraging children to be **thankful and practise gratitude.**

As a school we are so very grateful and appreciative of all our families. We're also appreciative of our dedicated staff and all the stakeholders in our school community



Congratulations!
You did it
2024



We had two special graduations this week. Yesterday we celebrated with our 59 6th class girls and today we waved goodbye to our 8 senior infant boys. We're so very proud of them and wish them continued happiness and success in their new schools. We would also like to thank their families for all their support over the years.





Fun Run Fundraiser

On June 11th & 12th we hosted our fourth junior and senior fun runs. Building on the successes of the previous three both days didn't disappoint.

Children from infants to first had their face painted post run, children in 2nd, 3rd and 4th completed the run in their favourite super hero costume whilst our 5th & 6th had a colour run. Take a look below! We managed to raise

€10,500 which is phenomenal!

Mile buíochas to all the families who so generously supported us.

This money will be split equally between our Autism class and new outdoor Aistear area. Both are opening in September 2024.

